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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

John F. Blake

Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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 As you know, both Cord Meyer and [assistants in the O/DDCI, are planning to retire on 31 December. two senior This gives me a short-range problem and I propose to solve it on a short-range basis.

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2. On the assumption there will be a permanent and seated DDCI on approximately 1 February 1978, I do not feel at ease to bring in full-time replacements for Cord and However, I will need some help after their departure. I propose to have Fred Janney act as the only senior assistant from 1 January until D-day (D standing for my Departure). Fred has a good background in breadth in the Organization and has previously served as a special assistant to the Executive Director and to a former DDCI. He does not desire permanent assignment to the job but is happy to help me out.

3. I would propose to draft a slate of candidates for permanent assignment for the consideration of the new DDCI.

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